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EARLY CLOSING ENDED.

Beginning with the 15th of this month, the great stores of this city, including the Z. C. M. I., Cutler Bros., Auerbach Co., L. & A. Cohn, Paris Millinery, N. H. Hamilton, The Charleston Shop, Gray Bros., and Kelth-O'Brien Co., will keep open till 9 o'clock p. m. on Saturdays and nights before holidays.

The early closing was decided on in reply to a request by citizens in behalf of the clerks and other employees of the stores, and it has certainly been very much appreciated by those who have reaped the benefit. It was understood, however, that all the stores were to adopt the same rule. This was not done, and the bigger stores have therefore, naturally, concluded to return to the old rule. They claim to have lost \$150,000 in trade by early closing.

We halted the early closing movement as a step in the right direction, because of the time it gave to a large class of faithful employees to devote to their homes, or to recreation. We believed it would give them more time on Sunday to devote to the purposes for which the Sabbath is intended, and we believe the managers of the establishments that did live up to the agreement are entitled to commendation. At the same time we do not blame them for returning to the old rule when they are convinced that the failure of other establishments to keep the agreement is resulting in considerable loss. Business is not so brisk now, that any store can afford to lose a large percentage of its legitimate share.

The early closing has been a benefit to the employees of the stores, and to some of the public it has been no disadvantage. To others, on the other hand, it has been rather inconvenient. The worst of it, however, is that the saloons have kept wide open, and a great deal of money that ought to have been spent in the dry goods and other stores, has been thrown into those reeking pits of sin and corruption.

MUSCULAR TRAINING.

Muscular manhood has been termed "muscular humanity," and it seems to be the general feeling today that the neglect of many sports by any community, signifies a sort of stagnation.

At St. George recently a steer roping contest was a feature of the field sports. A number of yearling cattle were lassoed by men on horseback, thrown to the ground by hand, and a ribbon tied around the neck of the vanquished animal.

The sport was interesting and displayed the skill, muscle and agility of the contestants. The onlookers quite generally enjoyed the fun; the amusement committee swelled its receipts by reason of this feature. It was sport for everybody, perhaps, except the cattle.

Twisting the neck of a young steer till he drops upon the ground may be fun for "the boys," just as was the pulling of the frogs; but how about the steers? We have a suspicion that such a wrench of the animal's neck may cause a back set in its growth, and we would really like to hear or see the evidence on this matter.

If our suspicion is well founded, this form of sport, interesting as it seems to be in drawing a crowd, should be either modified or abandoned. Needless cruelty to animals is not true sport.

What can be done, however, in way of providing many sports that will encourage the manifestation of physical prowess and thereby aid in its growth and development?

Physical training is a broad term, signifying all measures that may be taken by a community or institution to improve the physical man. Such training is far more important for the growing man than for the adult. It includes diet, clothing, bathing, suitable alternation of exercise, and proper periods of rest.

Physical education is the term used by schools that train the body by means of muscular activity. Dr. Hoin of the State University states that the special object of such training is to keep the body in such a condition of healthful poise that all the chemical forces of the body are kept on the "high level necessary for the maintenance of that perfect nutrition which comes from a high functional ability of the bodily organs. This, the doctor thinks, is not sufficient; a close connection should be established also between the grosser physical powers and the more subtle ones called the intellectual and moral faculties. "Every thought, to be complete, must find its expression in action. Every feeling presupposes a muscular contraction."

Accepting the doctor's fine analysis, we perceive that physical education begins, then, with those instinctive, hereditary movements with which the child makes its first beginning in action, before passing to that stage of unregulated romping and progressive forms of play that occupy the activities of childhood. Gradually this play becomes regulated, and takes the form of games, and of dancing, which symbolizes other facts while providing "regulated recreation." All these are imitative of the greater activities of life—either of the hunting, etc., of our ancestors or of present everyday actions. To both of these forms of exercise we

naturally incline; instinct and heredity, on the one hand, and imitation on the other, give form to the restless energy of the child in action.

But these natural expressions of our need of physical exercise tend to become one-sided and their benefits are unevenly distributed among the organs of the body.

For these great reasons, gymnasiae are established and the schools give courses in physical education.

The need of physical training in the cities, where so many people are closely confined at sedentary occupations, is evident at a glance; but the need in the country districts, while not so obvious, is none the less real.

The steer-roping contest represents a good idea, but there are better ones. Steer-roping can be engaged in by only a few, and the sport may involve cruelty to animals. There are many other and better ways, none the less, that develop the body and so sustain the mind; and these exercises it is the function of the public gymnasiae to put into operation.

The State Library-Gymnasium commission is making known among the people the advantages of properly regulated and directed sport, play, dancing, and games of all sorts. The institutions of learning are awake to this need of our over-concentrated modern life. The Deseret Gymnasium will soon be opened in this city for the benefit of the public. That the people will appreciate and sustain the movement for giving proper direction to the impulse for play and physical exercise, there can be no doubt. The citizens of each community should be ready to do what they can to encourage this movement for the advancement of their young people.

THE CAMPAIGN LIAR.

Before long Utah will be the scene of another political campaign. The forces of the various parties will be marshalled against each other and meet in conflict.

It is deplorable that the election of men to serve the people must be regarded in the light of a "war," but that is the general view of it. It is a battle for offices, instead of a friendly discussion of principles and plans for their realization.

In previous political campaigns in this State there has been a great deal of bitterness, owing to the work of the campaign liar. That individual seems to be omnipresent and untiring in his efforts. No one knows who he is or where he conceals himself. He is working with equal faithfulness for all parties and factions. Like Loki, in the midst of the gods, he is the cause of all troubles and sorrows; but no one has as yet been able to tie him as Loki was tied, with the guts of his own offspring where the poison from the serpent, the father of lies, might drip into his face, drop by drop.

The campaign inventor of falsehoods is at work early and continues at it late, always increasing in inventive genius and vigor as with the flight of time, he grows old. He always knows that the intentions of the other party, whichever it is, are bad; he knows all about the secret agreements that exist; the secret conferences and the secret bargains entered into for the betrayal of the country. How he knows what is secret is never explained. But he knows; there is no doubt about that. He knows the past, present and future of every candidate for office, and every leading politician, and he always knows that it is bad. He never knows anything good, or commendable about anyone in the opposition. He only knows that those on one side are demons and those on the other cherubs ad seraphs. His work, in the past, has been the cause of bitterness and enmity, of mistrust and hatred.

Would it be to expect too much of the people of Utah to hope that they will exert their manhood and suppress the campaign liar by refusing to listen to his falsehoods? If he found no willing ears he would have to cease talking. If he found no soil in which to sow his dragon-teeth he would keep them. Why should not the people of Utah insist on the genuine grain of facts and truth in their political grainings and organs? Why should they be content with the husks of unverified rumors and surmises, and hostile inferences and silly deductions?

Sometimes, we admit, it is difficult to differentiate between a truth and a campaign falsehood. The latter is generally repeated again and again until the very act of repetition makes the impression it was intended to make. It is put forth with brazen assurance, and sometimes on the alleged authority of men deserving confidence; but not withstanding this, the one who wants truth and truth only will know the difference between it and falsehood. And whenever there is any doubt, it is best to simply refuse to believe an evil report. No mistake is made in refusing to listen to the disseminators of the campaign lie. They ought to be ostracized for the good of the commonwealth.

In the past the Church has often been the object of the attack of the campaign falsifier. On one hand one thing has been claimed and on the other, the direct opposite. We hope the folly of this may be apparent to all. The Church, as an organization, is entirely outside the political discussion, and is entitled to the respect due its position of complete neutrality and disinterestedness as an organization for the evangelization of all the world with its multitudinous parties and interests. Members and officers of the Church may have their different views and preferences, as all other citizens, but the Church is not affected thereby.

Let us hope that we can have one campaign without vilification, misrepresentation, and falsehood. If men would but heed the admonition of Paul to the Corinthians: "Let no one to another, so that you have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him," even a campaign might be conducted in brotherly love.

Does the short weight win in the long run?

The dog-in-the-manger idea was tri-

umphant at the St. Paul conservation congress.

Will the prohibition tide ebb or flow this year?

It is harder to break bad news than to break a promise.

To eat your cake and have it, too, cut your cake in two.

Colonel Roosevelt is not in the limelight; he is the limelight.

Sometimes the hobble skirt wearer takes a tumble to herself.

If adopted, the "new nationalism" will be a regular Oliver Twist.

Usually it is easier for a man to support his family than his dignity.

Overdone compliments and overdone meats are both hard to swallow.

It will be hard for the Progressive party to keep up with its leader.

In the "insurgent" and in the "regal" column there are a good many clippers.

The bird's-eye view is a thing of the past. The aeroplane view is the thing of today.

How is it that a woman whose aim in life is so true, can't hit anything with a stone?

Much more can be accomplished by working for the best than by simply hoping for the best.

A Salt Lake girl writes from Dresden, "I haven't heard a saxophone since I have been in Saxony."

"What is the net gain when a lawyer is fined for contempt of court and the fine is immediately remitted?" asks an exchange. More contempt of court.

Mr. Paul Morton is convinced that enforced military duty would be a good thing for the people. Compulsory militarism belongs to the age of despotism and servitude. Paul Morton should swallow the whole hog, bristles and all.

According to the report of the minority of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, Mr. Pinchot is as nearly perfect as it is possible for a human being to be. Hamlet's description of his father as a man simply isn't in it with this report's description of the ex-chief forester.

Certainly no one can blame Senator Lorimer for resigning from the Hamilton club. It assumed his guilt and treated him like a pickpocket. His self respect forbade him to take any other course than the one he did. Surely he was entitled to the benefit of the same presumption that is given the common criminal.

The best thing about the decision of the Hague International tribunal in the Newfoundland fisheries case is that it settled an old and very vexing question. One that recurred with every fishing season, and entrenched more firmly the blessed doctrine of arbitration of international disputes. To fix firm the foundation of this doctrine is worth more than all the fish that ever were caught or will be caught off the Newfoundland banks.

METALS THAT GIVE OFF FIRE.

Youth's Companion.

The famous inventor of the Welsh gas mantle discovered that the metals of rare earths, of which incandescent mantles are composed, when slightly alloyed with iron, have a power of igniting of their own accord. Intense sparks are given off on contact with an iron tool. A self-igniting gas-burner is now obtained by connecting with the tip of an ordinary incandescent burner a device for producing sparks on the fragment of rare alloy as the gas cock is opened. An alloy of 90 per cent. cerium, 10 per cent. rare earth and 30 per cent. iron is an excellent spark producer, and will furnish hundreds of ignitions at a insignificant cost. Gas lights for street, home and public buildings can be profitably supplied with them, to the great convenience of all users.

CULTIVATING SEA FISHES.

Youth's Companion.

The practicability of cultivating the food fishes of the open sea is indicated by the experience of G. T. Atkinson, who a year or two ago brought some living plaice from the Barents Sea, where these fish are slow of growth, and after marking, liberated them in the North Sea, near Dogger Bank. A year later he recaptured one of these fish in the North Sea, and found that they had not only grown much more rapidly than in their native habitat but that their condition had also greatly improved. Mr. Atkinson thinks that plaice might similarly be transplanted into the North Sea, to the great advantage of the fishing industry.

SLEEPING OUT.

From the Spectator.

Here in an Australian city sleeping outside one's house is a common habit, for scarcely any dwelling is without a veranda or wide balcony that will accommodate at least one bed, and the climate is so immeasurably superior to that in any part of England that there are perhaps no more than forty nights in the year when the weather interferes with a practice at once healthy and pleasant. Even in a mean street, narrow and densely populated, the outer air is preferable to that inside its houses, and where a garden of any size surrounds a house sleeping out is a positive delight and a delight incomparable since it provides a sensation unlike any other. To camp out tentless in the bush is all very well in superlatively fine weather, and to sleep out at a sanatorium for consumptives is in accordance with modern ideas on the treatment of tuberculosis. But to go to bed voluntarily on the veranda of one's own home night after night, and wake to the full freshness of dawn with lungs, head and brain all joyfully responsive, is quite another matter. In the height of summer the heat of the corrugated iron roof makes the first part of the night much less than perfect, but a patient in mobility will be rewarded in the small hours by light and refreshing slumber, and when the busy sun arouses the sleeper he can creep indoors to find between the smooth, cool sheets of his second bed a resting-place where sleep will quickly reinvigorate his only half-awakened senses.

JUST FOR FUN

A Good Citizen.

A surgeon in a Western town, engaged to perform an operation of minor character upon a somewhat unsophisticated patient, asked him if he were willing to have only a local anesthetic.

"Sure," replied the other. "I believe in patronizing home industry whenever you can."—Tit-Bits.

Must Tread Carefully.

Bald Witness (giving his testimony)—And the way in which the accused ill-treated the poor woman made my hair stand on end.

Magistrate—Be careful! Remember you are on your oath.—Flegende Blatter.

Fame.

Dr. Johnson's statue in the Strand has now been unveiled. "Who's that?" asked a passer-by. "Johnson," came the answer. "Seems to have lost color since he beat Jeffries."—Punch.

Found Guilty.

Lenox—Would you call Teddy an absent-minded fellow? Bronx—Well, the other morning he thought he had left his watch at home, and then pulled it out of his pocket to see if he'd have time to go back and get it.—Brooklyn Life.

Over His Head.

"Horse ran away with you, eh?" "Yes; I was right on the edge of a bog when the darn horse stopped."

"Lucky for you he stopped." "Not so very. I kept on going."—Kansas City Journal.

In the kitchen up here at once." "The hobo was heating it up the nearest alley.—Chicago News.

At the Beach.

George—I love you, darling! Will you be my wife? Mildred—Oh, George, won't you please say that again? George—Why?

Mildred—Because I want to tell the girls when I get home that I have had two proposals this summer.—Somerville Journal.

Taken at His Word.

"Since you are so busy today," said the urbane journalist, "will you kindly tell me when and where I can meet you for an interview?"

"Go to blazes!" exclaimed the late politician. "Thanks, I'll consider it an appointment."—Washington Star.

Not Reckless Driving.

Ferrol—I can't get any speed out of that motorcar you sold me. You told me you had been arrested six times in it.

Hobart—So I was, old chap; for obstructing the highway.—Tit-Bits.

Blodde—Some fellow swiped my umbrella last night.

Blodde—Well, that isn't such a serious matter.

Blodde—It isn't, eh? I want you to understand this was one I bought.—Philadelphia Record.

"What did you mean, sir, by saying the other day that I was going to the dog?"

"My dear sir, merely a cur-sory remark."

Noticing our friend nailing cleats upon a crate containing a handsome dog, we ask pleasantly: "Is that a trained animal?"

"No, not really," he replied. "I isn't trained but it's going to be shipped."

"How is it?" cried the member of one of our oldest families, "that fellow with no ancestry to speak of, shines so in society?"

"Perhaps," suggested the social philosopher, mildly, "it is because he has such polished manners."—Philadelphia Press.

Xenophon was personally conducting the retreat of the Ten Thousand.

"I'm going to show the sporting editors," he said, "that I can come back in good shape."

He rubbed it in, too, afterward, by writing a most exasperating book about it.—Chicago Tribune.

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